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I would like to see those tomorrow

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 15, 2015, at 4:08 PM, Mylott, Richard <[Mylott.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov)> wrote:

All- I wanted to flag this a need for messaging next week. We are seeing a growing need for general messages on, 1—next steps for addressing Upper Animas mining concerns, and, 2. what we know and don't know about water and the connections among the mines in the area --Gold King, Sunnyside, Red and Bonita, etc.

I think all we need is a couple paragraphs that speak in general terms about the status and limits of our knowledge, and what we will look to do next, in terms of both assessing/securing the mine(s) and next steps w/ our partners. Ideally, these would be shared and reinforced by others, i.e., state.

These are Qs coming with increasing frequency from several news outlets and others.

I understand there are several factors at play here. I also know there have been several draft and final responses provided to the JIC on some of these Qs worked by Steve and Sandy and others in the region. We can use these as a starting point and discuss Monday.

Rich